

REBUILD IOWA ADVISORY COMMISSION (RIAC) MEETING

RIAC Meeting: The Rebuild Iowa Advisory Commission met for the fourth time on August 19, 2008, in Cedar Falls. Commission members heard task force reports on long-term planning, floodplain and hazard mitigation management, and public health and health care. Highlights include:

- Preliminary recommendations for long-term planning included an emphasis on cooperation between local, State, and Federal emergency management and the integration of recovery planning with local improvement planning.
- The Emergency Support Function (ESF) of FEMA is continuing assessments of heavily impacted areas and working with local communities for recovery solutions. The federal government has approved additional money for hazard mitigation grants.
- Emphasis was placed on immediate floodplain mapping using Light Detection and Ranging technology (LiDAR) and educating local communities located in floodplains about insurance options.
- Immediate strategies for public health efforts include continued monitoring of public health disease, mental health including substance abuse, and injury surveillance. Additionally, the rapid restoration of healthcare and human service infrastructure in disaster impacted areas is an immediate priority.

Reports: The Commission will be preparing a 45-day report regarding immediate needs, as well as a 120-day report regarding long-term planning.

Task Forces Completed: This meeting concluded reports to the RIAC from the Task Forces. The RIAC will meet August 25 and 26 at Comfort Suites at Living History Farms in Urbandale, for the purpose of discussing and drafting the initial 45-day report due to Governor Culver on September 2, 2008. More information is available at: http://www.rio.iowa.gov/news/releases/081908_cedar_falls.html.

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STATE APPEAL BOARD ACTION

State Appeal Board: The State Appeals Board approved settlement and judgment actions from July on August 2, 2008. The funds are provided from the State General Fund. These included:

- Iowa Lottery Authority: \$2.9 million settlement for the Lottery's TouchPlay program.
- University of Iowa: \$500,000 settlement and attorney fees for discrimination associated with a sports scholarship.
- Department of Inspections and Appeals: \$5,000 settlement and attorney fees for age discrimination.
- Department of Corrections: \$9,600 settlement and attorney fees for defamation of character.

Total Expenditures: Year-to-date Appeals Board expenditures are \$9.2 million.

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CORRECTIONS BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting: The Board of Corrections met August 1 at the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women at Mitchellville. Warden Diann Tomlinson Wilder discussed wind storm damage at the facility, including roof, fence, and tree damages.

Focus Groups: The Department has previously established focus groups to collect data and make recommendations for improvements. Three focus groups presented information to the Board: Evidence Based Practices; Quality Assurance; and Women Offenders

FY 2010 Budgets: The wardens and Community-Based Corrections (CBC) District Directors presented information regarding the FY 2010 budget request. The Department indicated it will be submitting a status quo budget request. Any changes will be included in the Governor's recommendations to the General Assembly.

Additional Information: The Board's next meeting is scheduled for September 5 at Newton. Information distributed at the meeting is available on the Department's web site at: <http://www.doc.state.ia.us/BoardofCorrections.asp>.

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HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATION TRANSFER TO PUBLIC HEALTH

Appropriation Transfer: On August 7th, 2008, the Department of Human Services transferred \$45,960 from the State Supplementary Assistance Program to the Public Protection Division of the Department of Public Health. The transfer is for expenses incurred as a result of recent weather-related events that took place throughout Iowa. The majority of flood-related expenditures incurred by the Department of Public Health are eligible to receive a 90.0% federal match with the State required to cover the remaining 10.0%. The funds transferred will apply only to expenditures that occurred during FY 2008. The Department expects to incur additional flood-related expenditures in FY 2009.

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FY 2008 REALLOCATION OF LOCAL INCOME FOR CBC DISTRICTS

Reallocation: The First and Second Community-Based Corrections (CBC) District Departments each transferred \$5,000 to the Fourth CBC District Department for FY 2008. The funding source was local income, consisting primarily of offender fees, federal receipts, and miscellaneous income.

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MEETINGS MONITORED

Meeting	Date	Staff Contact
Board of Regents	8/6/2008	Dwayne Ferguson (16561)
Glenwood State Resource Center	8/7/2008	Jess Benson (14611)
Benefits Advisory Council (IPERS)	8/11/2008	Jen Acton (17846)
Iowa Choice Advisory Council	8/11/2008	Deborah Helsen (16764)
Woodward State Resource Center	8/12/2008	Jess Benson (14611)
Administrative Rules Review Committee	8/12/2008	Sue Lerdal (17794)
Council on Human Services	8/13/2008	Sue Lerdal (17794) Jess Benson (14611)
Commission on Affordable Health Care	8/13/2008	Jess Benson (14611) Deborah Helsen (16764)
Iowa Public Broadcasting Board	8/13/2008	Robin Madison (15270)
Child Care Advisory Committee	8/14/2008	Sue Lerdal (17794)
Institute for Tomorrow's Workforce	8/14/2008	Robin Madison (15270)
Elder Affairs Commission	8/18/2008	Jess Benson (14611)
Medical Assistance Advisory Council	8/19/2008	Jess Benson (14611)
Environmental Protection Commission	8/19/2008	Deb Kozel (16767)
State Banking Council	8/19/2008	Deborah Helsen (16764)
Health Care Round Table with Congressional Delegation	8/20/2008	Jess Benson (14611)
MH/MR/DD/BI Commission Meeting	8/21/2008	Jess Benson (14611)